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#### Weekend weather

Today	88/68	Iso. T-storms
Friday	80/60	Partly cloudy
Saturday	82/61	Partly cloudy
Sunday	80/61	Iso. T-storms



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319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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# \$79 million base construction ongoing

By Capt. Tracy Velino  
Public affairs

Hardly a window on base today doesn't include a view of one or more construction projects. There are construction workers, vehicles, equipment and supplies everywhere.

More than 50 projects with an estimated price tag of \$79 million dollars are currently in various stages of construction here.

The construction brings approximately 1,800 contractors to the base, according to Tech. Sgt. David Krebs, 319th Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of pass and registration.

"There isn't a corner on this base we haven't dug up this summer, it seems," said Mr. Scott Rudolf, 319th Civil Engineering Squadron chief of construction. "Everywhere you go, you see construction."

Some of the larger projects include new and renovated base housing, a new commissary, force protection measures at both gates, a new maintenance ramp for aircraft, two utility projects to bury overhead power lines, and demolition of the former missile wing headquarters building.

Additional projects are roof replacements on five large buildings, repairs to the water distribution system, moving parking lots away from several buildings for force protection, ongoing maintenance for roads and parking lots, a fuels project on the flight line, and beautification projects in the commissary and base exchange area.

"This is a very big year," said Mr. Rudolf, who has worked in CES for nineteen years. "It's one of the biggest I've seen in 15 years."

Most of the projects will be complete prior to the end of the construction season, which runs from April 1 to November 1, according to Mr. Rudolf. However, commissary construction will end in Fall 2004 and housing

renovations in the Beech, Nevada and Hickam areas are scheduled to be complete in 2004 or 2005.

Several families are already moved into the Holly housing area, which was finished this week. The project, overseen by the Corps of Engineers, renovated 30 homes since April 2002, converting three-bedroom senior NCO units into more spacious two-bedroom junior NCO units. The whole-house renovation included adding central air conditioning and other modern amenities, kitchen upgrades, and converting the basements into additional living space.

"We put in egress windows in the basements to make a liveable and safe space with more daylight and accessibility," said Mr. Jeff Regimbal, 319th CES project manager for MILCON housing construction, a program funded by congress for large-scale projects. Mr. Regimbal said most families will probably use the basements as a family or recreation room, or maybe an office.

Three more housing areas are in various stages of construction. When completed, there will be 113 new units for field grade and company grade officers, chiefs, and SNCOs.

Construction began on a new, \$10 million commissary this spring.

"It will be laid out much better than the one we have now," said Mr. Roy Hunnewell, the store director. "This one is pieced together. The new one will be more of a state-of-the-art facility like stores you can find downtown."

At the base gates, the goal is to funnel traffic through specific areas, according to Mr. Rudolf. There are new pop-up barriers in the street, and they are putting in physical barriers on the sides using landscaping stones.

The new maintenance ramp, a \$10 million project, will replace half of the current 'C' ramp.

Beautification projects by the commissary include new, brick sidewalks with landscaping and decorative lighting.



Photo by Capt. Tracy Velino

**A contractor operates a back hoe to landscape the island between the Building 313 parking lot and a new road access to Building 314.**

"We're making it look more like the downtowns are doing nowadays in many communities," said Mr. Rudolf.

Rudolf explained the purpose of the two projects to bury the overhead power lines is for better power distribution.

"It is also safer since the existing poles are old," he said. "Plus it sure makes a big difference in appearance."

One project is in housing and one is near the consolidated club.

The site of the former missile wing HQ building will become a greenspace. It will be landscaped with some shape to it, and sodded, Rudolf said.

Currently the 319th CES is working on the plan for construction for next year. Mr. Rudolf says the projects are again very large and are associated with a large amount of money. The uncertain part is how much funding will be approved.

If funding is approved for all of next year's projects, we can expect the views from our windows to be as colorful next year as this year, full of yellow equipment, orange cones and fences, dug up dirt and cement, knocked down buildings and new foundations.



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**747-4522**

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*For questions about current events or rumors, please leave a message.*



**Col. Keye Sabol**  
319th Air Refueling Wing commander

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# AMC to reorganize, activate 18th AF

By Cynthia Bauer  
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AMCNS)-Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command here, announced a major reorganization of AMC.

Key to the reorganization is the activation Oct. 1 of a new numbered Air Force with its headquarters here and the redesignation of AMC's two numbered Air Forces as Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, the 15th EMTF at Travis AFB, Calif., and the 21st EMTF at McGuire AFB, N.J.

"We are looking at an evolution in air mobility," the general said. "As a command, we have matured the past 11 years. The world has gotten smaller from a mobility perspective. The roles and responsibilities of our Tanker Airlift Control Center have increased over time as the centralized mobility air operations center for the warfighting combatant commanders. The AMC reorganization is all about how we present forces to those commanders for command, control and execution of base opening, airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation."

The staffing for the EMTFs and the

new 18th AF will be fewer than the 99 military and civilian positions now authorized for each NAF.

"People are my priority," said General Handy. "We will make sure everyone is taken care of and that those positions affected by these changes are reduced gracefully through normal attrition or absorbed by other AMC organizations at McGuire or Travis."

General Handy said mobility has evolved from command and control of airlift resources "by fax and phone" with tasking through the NAFs, to the global C2 provided through state-of-the-art TACC network. The NAFs over time had become more focused on readiness of the force than on warfighting. The new structure will place the responsibility for warfighting, readiness and follow through directly with the 18th AF.

With the activation of the 18th AF, General Handy said, "We're really going back to the traditional warfighting role of the numbered Air Force. The reorganization also gives us a cleaner reporting chain, reconnecting some of the disconnects, that puts the numbered Air Force in operational control of the TACC, two EMTFs, the air mobility operations groups, 12 wings, three groups and the

global en route air mobility system. The 18th AF will be responsible for the presentation of forces to the warfighters."

A three-star general will become the commander of the 18th AF and a one-star general will become the TACC director. Each EMTF will also be under the command of a one-star general. All tasking and execution of air mobility missions will be through 18th AF. AMC's wings and groups based in the continental United States, as well as the AMOGs at Travis AFB; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; McGuire AFB, N.J. and Ramstein Air Base, Germany, will report to the 18th AF commander through the EMTFs.

"The time is right for this reorganization, especially as we face the incredible

## AMC reorganization at a glance

► Air Mobility Command will activate 18th Air Force Oct. 1 to provide global operational command and control for air mobility forces.

► The 18th Air Force is an existing but currently deactivated numbered Air Force that has an airlift heritage.

► The Tanker Airlift Control Center, two expeditionary mobility task forces, 12 wings, three groups, four air mobility operations groups, and the air mobility global en route system will report to 18th AF.

► The TACC becomes the 18th AF global Air Operations Center for air mobility, providing centralized command and control and decentralized execution.

► AMC's current numbered Air Forces will become the 15th Expeditionary Mobility Task Force at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and the 21st EMTF at McGuire AFB, N.J., responsible for global expeditionary mobility support. The EMTFs will be collocated with the Air Mobility Operations Groups at each location.

► Organizationally, a three-star general will command 18th Air Force; a one-star general will be in charge of each EMTF and the TACC. Headquarters AMC will reorganize into an A-Staff structure to train, organize, equip and provide command policy.

demands of the Global War on Terrorism," said General Handy. "We must have a command structure that is lighter, leaner and more effective that meets Department of Defense and Air Force requirements for transformation. Were creating a standing task force structure through our EMTFs, which meshes well with our Air and Space Expeditionary Force and force module constructs."

The general said the reorganization will be fairly transparent to AMC's customers, the warfighting commanders, but will have a great impact on the efficiency of the command itself.

"In all likelihood they (combatant commanders) will not notice the difference. This is organizing Air Mobility Command to better present forces, allow

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us to very efficiently and effectively take advantage of our staff. The greatest impact will be felt within Air Mobility Command and the work we do, and how command and control will quickly go from a numbered Air Force commander to wing level command. That line of communication becomes very straight forward.”

The general explained that the EMTF commanders will serve as “super DIRMBOFORs” or directors of mobility forces, and have under their command the men and women who make up the AMOGs that are the leading edge of the presentation of forces to the warfighter in times of conflict or civil disaster.

The reorganization will also affect the AMC headquarters directorates, which will convert to an “A Staff” struc-

ture. The A-Staff and staff agencies will be responsible for the functions to train, organize, equip and provide command policy for the command. As part of the reorganization, the general will create a

### How changing will help

Air mobility forces will capitalize on being expeditionary, Air Mobility Command officials say. The command will be refocused on the expeditionary nature of the Air Force mission by creating standing mobility task forces, who can pair and tailor their resources to better support combatant commanders during contingencies and for humanitarian relief during civil disasters.

new “A-7” as a combination of civil engineers and services to be the single point of entry into the command for AMC mission support group commanders.

In the past, the command’s two NAFs have mirrored staff functions at the headquarters, resulting in a duplication of effort in such areas as standardization/evaluation and logistics among others. These functions will migrate to AMC to free up the EMTFs for their warfighting support role.

“This is all about how AMC supports the warfighting commander,” said General Handy. “Air Mobility Command is transforming itself into a lighter, leaner, more effective and efficient organization.”



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol*

### Grrrrrrrrrr!

**Staff Sgt. Corby Czajka, 319th Security Forces Squadron military working dog handler, works with MWD Avar during a recent demonstration on base. (Inset) Avar carries off his prize for training.**

# Briefs

## 319th Air Refueling Wing Quarterly Awards luncheon

The wing’s quarterly award luncheon is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Northern Lights Club and is sponsored by the base First Sergeant’s Group.

For details, call Senior Master Sgt. Gary Conaway at 747-4759.

## Public Notice: parking lot extension, Construction of playground

The base has proposed a parking lot extension and the construction of a playground.

An environmental assessment has been conducted and a finding of “no significant impact” has been determined for these actions.

To view the support documents to this action, call the 319th Air Refueling Wing public affairs office within the next 30 days at 747-5017.

## Public Notice: culvert replacements

The base has proposed the replacement of culverts.

An environmental assessment has been conducted and a finding of “no significant impact” has been determined for the action.

To view the support documents to this action, call the 319th Air Refueling Wing public affairs office within the next 30 days at 747-5017.

## Free art exhibit

The North Dakota Museum of Art will be sponsoring a free exhibit featuring the works of Ann Hamilton

and Michael Mercil on photography, video installation and sculpture from Aug. 3 through Sept. 28. The museum is located on the University of North Dakota campus on Centennial Drive.

For details, call Mr. Brian Loftus at 777-4195.

## Employment opportunity

School bus drivers are needed to drive on base. The ability to obtain a CDL license is required. Training will be provided.

Pay is \$15 per route, and drivers will have two routes per school day.

For details, call 594-5480.

## OPSEC tip

OPSEC is a five-step process:

1. Identify critical information
2. Analyze the threat
3. Analyze the vulnerabilities
4. Assess the risk
5. Apply countermeasures

OPSEC is a process that involves thinking about the above five items. It is not a simple checklist.

## Virtual out-processing

The internet based virtual out-processing started May 1 for military personnel retiring, separating or making a permanent change of station.

Access to the Virtual Military Personnel Flight or to the base Local Area Network is required to complete the out-processing.

Anyone who received their briefing from out-

bound assignments, retirement or separations before May 1 still uses the paper copy of the out-processing checklist unless their “final out” is on or after Oct. 1.

If you want to be included as an agency for members to out-process through using vOP, please provide written justification to either base administrators 2nd Lt. Erica Foster or Tech. Sgt. Deron Warman via official memorandum with your agency chief’s signature.

The following information is required in each memorandum: name, rank, unit, office symbol, sufficient reason for being added to vOP checklists, evidence to support this reason, requester’s signature, and a duty phone number.

For details, call Lt. Foster at 747-3165.

## The Farmer’s Market Air Force Day

The Air Force is taking over the Grand Forks Farmer’s Market Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will include firefighters, security forces and other military displays.

The Farmer’s Market is located at the Grand Forks town square by the Red River and Demers Ave.

For details, call Staff Sgt. Scott Sturkol at 747-5017.

## Volunteers needed for Air Force Ball

Volunteers are needed to help support fund raising for this year’s Air Force Ball. All funds collected will be used to off-set the cost of the ball.

For details, call Master Sgt. Darrell Williams at 747-6324, or Senior Master Sgt. Louis Lombardi at 747-7353.

# ‘Honor’able ending

## Base members graduate from Air Force Honor Guard training



*Photos by 1st Lt. Robert Lazaro*



(Above) Base members who participated in Air Force Honor Guard training July 14 to 18 are lined up on stage July 18 in Hangar 523 during training graduation ceremonies. (Left) Col. Steve Wayne, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander, presents one of the instructors a wing coin. (Right) Base honor guard coordinatore Tech. Sgt. Ken Clere, center, stands with the four instructors who came to the base.



# Halting unwanted telemarketing calls

**By Capt. Lyn PatyskiWhite**  
319th Air Refueling Wing legal office

Are you tired of having your evening dinner interrupted by unwanted telemarketing calls? On June 27, the Federal Trade Commission launched the national “Do Not Call” registry to enable consumers like you to reduce the volume of unwanted telemarketing calls.

Your telephone number will remain on the registry for five years from the date you register (unless you choose to take it off the registry.) If you register online, you may want to print a copy of the acceptance Web page for your records.

Placing a telephone number in the registry will stop many, but not all telemarketing calls. You may still receive calls from political organizations, charities, telephone survey-takers, and companies with which you have an existing business relationship.

Consumers may note an increase in calls in the months leading up to Oct. 1, the date the registry goes into effect. If you register by Aug. 31, you will start receiving fewer telemarketing calls by Oct. 1. If you register after Sept. 1, telemarketers covered by the national registry will have up to three months from the date you register to remove it from their call lists and stop calling you.

Once you register, your phone number will be available for telemarketers to remove from their call lists by the next day.

The FTC is part of the federal government and is our nation’s consumer protection agency which manages the registry.

The national “Do Not Call” registry is a free service of the federal government. Consumers are able to register directly, or through some state governments, but never private companies.

If you receive a phone call from someone offering to put your name on the national registry, do not let them. The FTC will not allow private companies or other such third parties to “pre-register” consumers for the registry. Web sites or telephone solicitations that claim they

can or will register a consumer’s name or phone number on a national list - especially those that charge a fee - are a scam.

At best, these are individuals charging you for a free service. At worst, the person on the other end of the telephone could be an identity thief seeking your personal information to use against you.

If you think you’ve received a fraudulent telemarketing call, go to [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and click “file a complaint online.” You can file a fraud complaint with the FTC whether your telephone number is on the registry or not, but if it is, please mention it in your complaint.

While the FTC does not resolve individual consumer problems, your complaint helps us investigate fraud and can lead to law enforcement action. The FTC enters Internet, telemarketing, identity theft and other fraud-related complaints into Consumer Sentinel, a secure, online database available to hundreds of civil and criminal law enforcement agencies worldwide.

If your number has been on the registry for at least three months and you receive a call from a telemarketer that you believe is covered by the registry, you can file a complaint on this Web site.

To file a complaint, you must know either the name or telephone number of the company that called you and the date the company called you because law enforcement officials need either to take action on your complaint.

Even if you do not register, you can still prohibit individual telemarketers one-by-one from calling by asking them to put you on their company’s do not call list.

To date, the FTC has recorded more than 10 million registrations for the registry.

For details, visit the registry’s consumer information page at: <http://donotcall.gov/FAQ/FAQConsumers.aspx>.

You can register on-line by going to <http://www.donotcall.gov/>, or via telephone by calling 1-888-382-1222 from the telephone number you want registered.

You can also register your cell phone number.

# Base chapel

**CATHOLIC:**  
**Mass:** 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.  
**Weekday Mass:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Sunflower Chapel.  
**Reconciliation:** 4 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.

**PROTESTANT:**  
**Traditional worship:** 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.  
**Contemporary worship:** 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.  
**Young Adults:** 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain’s home, 747-4359.  
**Men of the Chapel Bible Study:** Noon Monday, Prairie Rose Conference Room.

**JEWISH:**  
For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B’nai Israel at 775-5124.

**RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:**  
For details, call Dr. Levitov at 780-6540.

**MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:**  
For details, call 747-5673.

# Base theater

**Today, 7 p.m.**  
***Hollywood Homicid (PG-13)***  
Two Los Angeles Police Department homicide detectives, one a grizzled veteran (Harrison Ford) and the other a young yoga instructor and aspiring actor (Josh Hartnett), investigate the onstage murder of a rap group, possibly organized by the boss of a top rap label.

**Saturday, 3 p.m.**  
***Rugrats go Wild (PG)***  
The characters from two hit Nickelodeon series collide in Rugrats Go Wild. When the vacationing Pickles family becomes stranded on a deserted island, Tommy Pickles knows there's only one man who can help them: Nigel Thornberry, ace wilderness expert. But Thornberry's been hit on the head, which makes him about as much help as a 3-year-old.

**Saturday, 7 p.m.**  
***Wrong Turn (R)***  
A wrong turn leads a group of young people to the West Virginia wilderness, where they are hunted by cannibalistic mountain men.

**Aug. 1, 7 p.m.**  
***The Hulk (PG-13)***

**Aug. 2, 3 p.m.**  
***Justin to Kelly (PG)***

**Aug. 2, 7 p.m.**  
***Alex and Emma (PG-13)***

**Aug. 3, 3 p.m.**  
***The Hulk (PG-13)***

**Tickets:** \$1.50 children, \$3 adults  
For details, call 747-3021/6123.



**Lt. Col. Sean Carey**  
**906th Air Refueling Squadron**  
**commander**

### **What do you expect out of the airmen in your squadron?**

*I expect them to continue to uphold the high standards of professionalism they've exhibited over the years here at Grand Forks AFB and continue the legacy of excellence the Warriors of the North are known for.*

# *Meet the 906th ARS commander*

### **What should the airmen in your squadron expect out of you as their new commander?**

*My airmen and their families should expect a tremendous amount from their commander... I'm looking forward to these challenges. I must ensure they are properly trained and equipped to execute their daily tasks in fulfilling our mission safely and successfully.*

*I will direct my energy to ensure the proper and timely development of our troops so they are prepared to take the next step in their career with confidence, whether that be in terms of skill level, qualification, rank, or position. In the process of executing our mission, I must ensure our families are taken care of.*

*It is a fundamental and monumentally important responsibility of any command.*

### **Who are your leadership role models?**

*From a historical/national level perspective, I would have to say President Theodore Roosevelt.*

*He was an action oriented individual with incredible intellect, energy and vision who overcame personal and professional adversity to achieve great things, domestically and internationally.*

*On a more personal level, I would have to say my wife. She leads by example in her tireless efforts to better herself, develop our children, and take care of our family.*

### **What does it mean to you to be a squadron commander?**

*It is an incredible honor to be selected to command, especially at*

*Grand Forks, and is something I will never take for granted. I fully appreciate the incredible opportunity this is to work for, with, and lead such talented and gifted individuals.*

*It is very special to continue to be part of the awesome team here at Grand Forks.*

### **If you could sit down and talk with every single airmen in your squadron, what is the one (or more) thing you'd tell every single one of them?**

*Never underestimate your ability to influence another's behavior, nor undervalue your contributions to national security. You make a difference!*

*Appreciate it, embrace it, and be proud of it.*

# Refueling the Korean War

**By Staff Sgt. Kristin Mathieu**  
319th Air Refueling Wing history office

Prior to the Korean War, inflight air-refueling was not viewed as critical to a fighter aircraft's ability to successfully accomplish its mission. During the Korean War, it became apparent to command staff that inflight refueling capabilities were a necessity if they were to win the war.

The Air Force's experimentation with inflight air-refueling during the Korean War is the reason why air-refueling has become so common place today.

On June 25, 1950, communist North Korean Forces crossed the 39th parallel, invading South Korea. The United States came to the south's aid.

The Air Force conducted most of its air defensive operations for South Korea from Japan. With distances ranging from 130 nautical miles from bases in southern Japan to Pusan, to approximately 600 nautical miles from Air Force bases near Tokyo to Pusan, piston-engine airplanes had few difficulties, but such long trips were often at the limits of a jet fighter's combat radius.

The U.S. mission in South Korea urgently needed a means to extend the range of the F-80 jet fighters already on the scene and the F-84s en route from the United States to Japan aboard Navy aircraft carriers. Air refueling, as it was understood at that moment, was out of the question because the available fighter planes were not plumbed for single-point refueling; that is, there was no receptacle on the airplane from which all of its tanks could be filled.

Engineers at Wright-Paterson Air Force Base, Ohio, hit upon the idea of using the new probe-and-drogue system of refueling only the external drop tanks of the fighters. The capacities of the external tanks varied from 160 to 260 gallons, and the movement generated by a half-ton of fuel suddenly placed at the wing-tip could make an airplane uncontrollable.

To avoid making the airplane unstable in the roll axis, refueling the wing-tip tanks of an F-80 or an F-84E involved three fueling contacts. The receiver pilot filled his left tank half full, disconnected from the drogue, and connected with his right tank. When it

overflowed, he disconnected that tank and reconnected his half-full left tank, filling it to overflow. With both wings full, he flew away to execute his mission.

By June 1951, the Air Force had stationed one of its two KB-29 hose-and-drogue tankers in Japan. On July 6, 1951, the world's first combat mission using aerial refueling was executed.

Three RF-80As took off from Taegu, South Korea, and rendezvoused with a tanker offshore Wonsan, North Korea. This refueling of tip-tanks to achieve a range extension grew beyond occasional operations with probe-tanked F-80s and RF-80s into project HIGH TIDE, in which the three squadrons of the 136th Fighter-Bomber Wing were equipped with probe tanks.

HIGH TIDE's objective was an operational test of large tactical units, using in-flight refueling. The project had three phases, which included training three squadrons in a series of small exercises, deploying them in combat air control missions over northern Japan, and deploying them in combat against targets in North Korea. The Air Force concluded from HIGH TIDE that although the refueling of tip-tanks was a successful operation, it was only an emergency substitute for a receiver with a single-point refueling system, but there was no question about the value of inflight refueling.

The follow-up operation to HIGH TIDE was called FOX PETER ONE, which was the movement of a whole wing of fighters transpacific to Japan with aerial refueling.

FOX PETER ONE was the first air-refueled jet flight across the Pacific, which was the longest non-alternative over-water flight in the world. After 1952, FOX PETER movements with inflight refueling across the Pacific Ocean became routine for short-legged fighter planes.

Because of the Korean War, inflight air-refueling is a common daily practice and is widely used all over the world.

*(Information complied from the Air Force History and Museums Program publication: "75 Years of Inflight Refueling: Highlights, 1923-1998" by Mr. Richard K. Smith)*

# Never forget the Korean War

By Senior Airman Joshua G. Moshier  
Public affairs

There were hundreds, perhaps thousands, of pictures. There were military certificates, ribbons and medals. There were pamphlets, magazines and gifts from a grateful nation. Every piece of memorabilia laid out in front of Korean War veterans Myron Bender, Kirk Smith and John Stiles told a story from the conflict that unofficially ended a half century ago. Every piece represented something from what has been



Mr. John Stiles Marine Service Dress lies amidst a collection of mementos from the Korean War.

coined “the forgotten war.”

Yet, all of it combined couldn’t reflect what the war meant to the soldier, seaman and Marine individually. The significance of the Korean War to these men, and their time served on the peninsula, could only be truly appreciated by listening to their voices as they reminisced on their service in Korea, the 50 years since and events going on in the world today.

There was laughter as they recounted the lighter moments of their journeys. There was sorrow as they remembered lives lost, some of which were men they once knew. Pride was evident as they discussed what the war meant in the race for communist versus democratic superiority. There were hints of tears as thankful words from a now prosperous nation were recited.

It seems almost heartless that any war that took so many lives could be referred to as forgotten, but the men did not appear offended by the moniker. In fact, while pointing out the vast significance of the war, they seemed to understand. “When it was over, there wasn’t the fanfare like the end of World War II,” said Mr. Smith, “and there wasn’t the negativity of Vietnam.”

The Korean War was sandwiched between the biggest and most controversial wars in American history. While many American history classes study World War II and Vietnam thoroughly, Korea is often overshadowed.

However, the success of the war in Korea, and how it set the foundation for the outcome of the Cold War and world governments today, can not be denied.

“The Korean War was the first example of how effective the United Nations could be,” said Mr. Bender. “The UN was still new following World War II, and with something like 18 nations participating, it showed the effectiveness of the UN fighting side-by-side.”

Mr. Smith added, “Had we not been successful in Korea, it’s very likely that all of Southeast Asia would be communist now. Not only that, but it would have strengthened the Russian rise to power.”

Today, two days shy of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the armistice cease-fire agreement between the UN and North Korea, communist governments are few and far between as many democratic countries flourish. To illustrate this point, Mr. Bender shows a photograph taken from a

recent return trip to Seoul, South Korea, honoring Korean War veterans. In the picture, a green, prospering South Korean countryside lies in stark contrast across the 38th parallel from a desolate North Korean landscape. The South Koreans recognize this too, and the all-expenses paid trip to Seoul was only a small taste of the appreciation they hold for the Americans role in their freedom today, the men said.

“I came across a man in South Korea who didn’t realize right away I was a Korean War veteran,” Mr. Stiles said. “When he found out I was, he held his fist to his heart, which was a way of saying, ‘my heart thanks you.’”

In addition to personal thanks, a hall of honor has been erected in the South Korean capital with plaques bearing the names of every UN soldier, seaman, Marine and airman that died in the three-year conflict.

“We were treated like kings over there,” Mr. Stiles said. “To this day, that is the only government that has shown an appreciation for the American military.”

Aside from the historical ramifications of the war, the personal experiences and memories also live on.

“The North Korean planes would fly in two or three times a night,” said Mr. Bender, an Army staff sergeant who was assigned with the 76th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion as an M-16 halftrack squad leader, charged with the protection of a K-10 Air Base in Korea. “We called them bed-check Charlie. Basically, the alarms would go off and we’d all run to our positions and return anti-aircraft fire. Every fifth round was a tracer, so it made for quite a fireworks display.”

Mr. Smith, a Navy quartermaster (petty officer) second class assigned to the U.S.S Windham Bay CBE-92 as a signaler and navigator, was part of 19 round-trips across the Pacific Ocean.

“We went through a typhoon once,” Mr. Smith said. “There were 40- to 50-foot waves, and when the ship would tip to one side, I could see the top of the waves. I’ve never witnessed an inland hurricane, but my guess is it was like that for two to three days sustained.”

For Mr. Stiles, a Marine sergeant who was assigned with the 11th Marine Regiment 1st Marine Division as a small arms ordinance repairman and rocket crewman, his first taste of live combat will always be etched in his memory.

“When we got shelled for the first time, I couldn’t find a

trench deep enough,” he said. “Of course, we didn’t think too much about it at the time because we all thought we were invincible.”

Despite the trying times and hostile fire, the men are honored to have served during the war.

“Back then and hopefully still today, serving your country was regarded as the highest calling,” Mr. Stiles said. “I had four years to serve, and I’m glad I did.”

“I was relieved when the armistice was signed,” Mr. Smith said, “but I took great pride in knowing I helped accomplish something great. It was a time of fulfillment for many of us, and to see the realization of the benefits of that war in South Korea today, it’s hard to imagine it was the same place from 50 years ago.”

Comparing the Korean War to the ongoing operations in Iraq today, the men cited some similarities and subtle differences.

“In both situations, we wanted to help an oppressed people,” Mr. Bender said. “Korea was more of a police action, keeping communism from taking over, where Iraq is more humanitarian.”

“The biggest difference is, back then when the armistice was signed, there wasn’t another shot fired except sporadically along the 38th parallel,” said Mr. Stiles. “Fortunately, there wasn’t all the guerilla warfare as there is in Iraq.”

“We’re as proud of all the men and women serving now as people were of us back then,” Mr. Smith added.

As the men get up from their seats and gather their artifacts and mementos, one can only help but realize how truly unforgotten the Korean War is. It may have been overshadowed by previous and future conflicts, but for the men and women that served, and the millions of South Koreans enjoying their freedom today, it remains one of the most significant victories in American military history.



Photos by Senior Airman Joshua G. Moshier



(Top) A small sampling of medals, ribbons and other honors collected by three local Korean War veterans.

(Bottom) From left, Mr. John Stiles, Mr. Kirk Smith and Mr. Myron Bender served in the Marines, Navy and Army respectively during the Korean War.

# Community

## Today

**SESAME STREET LIVE:** The Alerus Center is offering base personnel and family members buy-one-get-one free tickets for Sesame Street Live's "Let's Be Friends."

Ticket prices are \$18, \$15 and \$12, and all tickets are \$12 for the opening night performance. This offer is valid for all performances and at the Alerus Center Box Office only. This offer is not valid for previously purchased tickets. Bring your military identification card to the Alerus Center Box Office to receive this offer.

Sesame Street Live is performing at the Alerus Center today through Sunday with five performances. Performance times are 7 p.m. tonight, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The Alerus Center Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 to 4 p.m.

For details, call the 319th Marketing and Publicity Office at 747-3238.



### CLUB DINING:

Tonight's Northern Lights Club special is baby-back ribs for \$7.95 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Orders can be called in to have them ready for pick-up after work. The Frontier Grill menu is also available.

### DEPLOYED SPOUSES'

**DINNER DISCOUNT:** Enjoy dinner at the Northern Lights Club and receive a 20 percent discount off your meal purchase if your spouse is deployed.

## Saturday

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** The youth center is offering an ice cream social for ages 13 to 18 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. Youth will make their own sundae.



### CLUB KARAOKE:

The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

### YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING:

Dakota Lanes offers galaxy bowling for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Cost is \$2.50 per hour and 75 cents for shoe rental.

The youth center needs 10 participants to hold this event. Register at the youth center.

**CLUB DANCING:** The Northern Lights Club offers dancing to 'club mix' with DJ 'C' from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

## Sunday



### SUNDAY BRUNCH:

The Northern Lights Club offers Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$9.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children 5 to 12, and free for children 4 and younger.

## Monday

**CANDY BINGO:** The youth center holds candy bingo every Monday for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**SPONSORSHIP TRAINING:** The family support center is holding sponsorship training from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This class fulfills Air Force requirements, and is a one-hour overview of the newest sponsorship resources followed by an FSC facility tour.

For details, call the FSC at 747-3241.

## Tuesday



### TORCH CLUB

**MEETING:** The youth center holds a Torch Club meeting every Tuesday for ages 11 to 13 from 8 to 9 p.m. For details, call the youth center at 747-3150.



### TEENSUPREME

**MEETING:** There is a TeenSupreme meeting every Tuesday for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Liberty Square teen center.

**POOL TOURNAMENT:** The youth center is holding a doubles pool tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 13 to 18 at 7 p.m.

## Wednesday

**FAMILY, PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS:** The family support center is holding a family readiness and personal prepared-

ness class from 2 to 3:30 p.m. This class is for individuals and family members preparing for temporary duty or remote assignments and meets the pre-deployment briefing requirement.

For details, call the FSC at 747-3241.

## Thursday

### APPLYING FOR

**GOVERNMENT JOBS:** The family support center is holding an applying for government jobs class from 9 a.m. to noon.

This class is a comprehensive review of the forms and application process.

For details, call the FSC at 747-3241.

## Upcoming



### SUMMER CAMPS:

The youth center is holding the Drug Education for Youth camp Monday through Aug. 1, volleyball camp Aug. 4 through 8, karate camp Aug. 11 through 15, and Missoula's Children Theater Aug. 18 through 22.

For details, call the youth center at 747-3150.

### CHEERLEADING CLASSES:

Register at the youth center between Aug. 1 and 15 for fall cheerleading classes.

Classes begin Sept. 9 at Liberty Square and are held every Tuesday and Thursday for ages 6 and 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 9 to 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$3 for a one-hour class session.

Classes are limited to a maximum of eight participants.

Class instructor is Mrs. Kassy Johnson.



### WOTN JUNIOR

**BIKE RACE:** The Warrior of the North Junior Bike Race is scheduled for Aug. 2 beginning at 10 a.m. at the FamCamp. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Age Categories include: 4 and younger - big wheels and tricycles; 6 and younger - bicycles with training wheels; 6 and younger - bicycles; 7 to 8, 9 to 11, 12 to 14 and 15 to 18 - bicycles.

Helmets are mandatory For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

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**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** Liberty Square is looking for volunteer skate guards and DJ’s for the new school year. Also, current skate guards need to attend.

There will be a meeting Aug. 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Liberty Square. Skate guards must be age 13 or older, and DJ’s must be age 16 or older.

For details, call the youth center at 747-3150.

**BOWLING SPECIAL:** Dakota Lanes is offering unlimited bowling Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. for only \$3.99 per person. This special is valid through August.



### SUMMER BASH:

Organizations or individuals who wish to participate or volunteer

for the base’s annual Around the World in Ninety Days Summer Bash should call Mrs. Linda DePaolo at 747-6483, or 747-3258.

This year’s Summer Bash theme is “Proud and Free in 2003!” and is scheduled for Aug. 14.

The Summer Bash is a base-wide picnic filled with events for all ages, including the annual bed race.

### N.D. HUNTER EDUCATION, SAFETY:

Outdoor recreation is holding a free North Dakota hunter education and safety class Aug. 5 through 9 from 5:45 to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

This class is required for those wishing to hunt in North Dakota who were born after Dec. 31, 1961. Class size is limited.

This course covers firearms safety, ethics, conservation, and North Dakota hunting laws. class size is limited.

For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3672.



### FINE ARTS

**PROGRAM:** The youth center is holding its next free fine arts program class Aug. 13 for ages 6 to 12 at 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m.

The fine arts program is held every second and fourth Wednesday of the month during summer.

This program is meant to provide members with the opportunity to create works of art for display in a local exhibit.

The goal is to help youth uncover their artistic talents and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities.

A qualified instructor will be present.

### MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT:

Rivercities Speedway is offering military appreciaiton night Aug. 15.

Tickets are buy-one-get-one free, and are available only at outdoor recreation. Cost of tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children.

Rivercities Speedway is located at 2300 Gateway Drive. For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

Participate in any of these events and receive an “Around the World in Ninety Days” game piece.

#### Mondays:

Fast Eddie’s *ATWIND* day  
Plainsview Golf Course lunch day  
*ATWIND* golf day at Plainsview Golf Course

#### Tuesdays:

Dakota Lanes lunch day  
*ATWIND* family swim day at the base pool  
Aerobics class at the sports and fitness center  
Northern Lights Club barber shop *ATWIND* day

#### Wednesdays:

Northern Lights Club double lunch day  
Airey Dining Facility lunch day  
*ATWIND* red pin bowling day at Dakota Lanes  
*ATWIND* youth golf day at Plainsview Golf Course  
“Check-us-out” day at outdoor recreation  
Sports and fitness center *ATWIND* day  
NEISO *ATWIND* Day - noon to 4 p.m.

#### Thursdays:

*ATWIND* youth bowling day at Dakota Lanes  
Skills development center *ATWIND* day  
Auto skills center *ATWIND* day  
Fast Eddie’s *ATWIND* day

#### Fridays:

Northern Lights Club family dining  
Base library *ATWIND* day  
Water aerobics at the base pool  
Open skating at Liberty Square  
TGIF at the Northern Lights Club

#### Saturdays:

Sing Karaoke at the Northern Lights Club  
*ATWIND* bowling day at Dakota Lanes

#### Sundays:

*ATWIND* golf day at Plainsview Golf Course  
*ATWIND* family swim day at the Base Pool

# Base youth kicks, punches way to gold

By Ms. Annette Albrecht  
Public affairs

Rachel Bartholomew brought home two medals in Taekwondo July 11 from the Spirit of the North 2003 Regional Championship.

The championship was held in Fargo,



*Courtesy photos*

**Rachel Bartholomew performs Songam, a series of movements that helps students create a strong foundation to continuously build on, during the Spirit of the North 2003 Regional Championship in Fargo July 11.**

and was Rachel's first involvement in a tournament. There were over 300 participants, and she had three competitors in her age and belt group.

Rachel's mother, Maj. Cathy Bartholomew said, "Rachel has been nervous in the past while testing for belts, but I wasn't nervous then. I have done a lot of public speaking and other things, but I had never been as nervous in my life as I was during the tournament."

Despite her mother's nervousness, Rachel said she had a great time.

"Getting the medal was the best," she said.

Rachel was judged on her kick, her hand movements, and form. She competes in what is called Songam, a series of levels that helps the student create a strong foundation that they continuously build on.

Rachel began taekwondo at the age of five. Her parents have also taken classes, and her sister will begin taking classes next year when she turns five. Rachel is taking taekwondo to learn basic self defense.

Maj. Bartholomew said, "She is also learning integrity, self control, and she can use these practical things in everyday life."

The students also learn to take pride in their home and academics. The students get stars for helping

with household chores and for academic achievement.

Rachel takes taekwondo classes at the ATA Black Belt Academy in Grand Forks. She is seven years old, and will be in third grade this fall.

Taekwondo began over 1,000 years ago, but the actual name and art wasn't official until 1955. Today, taekwondo has spread internationally. According to the American Taekwondo Association, the word is made up of three Chinese and Korean words: Tae, meaning to kick or jump; Kwon, meaning fist or hand; and Do, which means the way. A loose translation of taekwondo would be "The way of the hand and foot."

Although taekwondo is well known for its wide range of kicks, it also emphasizes breaking power. Breaking power is the use of bare hands and feet to break blocks of wood or bricks. Training also involves learning to punch, kick, dodge, jump, and block.

During each level, the students memorize and master their kicks and jumps, all while developing their mind and bodies. To say the student is only learning self defense would leave out most of the valuable ideas and philosophies behind this ancient art.

As the students progress, they change belt colors. The order of the colors is white, orange, yellow, camouflage,



**Rachel shows off her medals from the Spirit of the North 2003 Regional Taekwondo Championships.**

green, purple, blue, brown, red and finally black. Rachel is currently a yellow belt.